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Response to Office Action Docket No. 020.0335.US.CON

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<u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 1-50 are pending. Claims 26-50 are allowed. Claims 51-82 have been withdrawn. Claims 1, 10, 21, 26, 35, 37, and 46 have been amended. No new matter has been entered. Claims 1-50 remain in the application.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being submitted on the same date as, but in a separate mailing from this paper. Acknowledgement of the IDS and entry of the cited art references on the record are requested.

Claims 1-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness. Claims 1, 10, and 21 have been amended to provide proper antecedent basis. Additionally, allowed Claims 26, 35, 37, and 46 have been amended to similarly provide proper antecedent basis. Support for the claim amendment can be found in the specification as originally filed, for instance, on page 12, lines 18-27; page 13, lines 11-22; and page 17, lines 11-30. No new matter has been entered. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon has been reviewed by the applicant and is considered to be no more pertinent than the prior art references already applied.

Claims 1-50 are believed to be in a condition for allowance. Entry of the 20 foregoing amendments is requested and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. Please contact the undersigned at (206) 381-3900 regarding any questions or concerns associated with the present matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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